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SUBJECT: TEXT OF ALLIED PROTEST ON AUGUST 13 BLOCKAGE OF TRAFFIC

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THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF TRIPARTITE PROTEST MADE BY
THE US(CHAIRMAN) POLAD TO COUNSELOR KHOTULEV OF THE
SOVIET EMBASSY IN ERLIN.

BEGIN TEXT. AIDE MEMOIRE.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE THREE POWERS HAVE BEEN IN
FORMED THAT ON AUGUST 13 GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OFFICIALS REFUSED OR DELAYED PASSAGE TO BERLIN ON THE
TRANSIT ROUTES TO NUMEROUS CIVILAIN PERSONS. IN MANY
ISTANCES, TRAVELLERS WEREQUESTINED AS TO WHY
THEY WISHED TO VISIT BERLIN.

IN THE QUADRIPARTIE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971,
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR DECLARED THAT THE TRANSIT
TRAFFIC OF CIVILIAN PERSONS AND GOODS BETWEEN THE WESTERN
SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
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WOULD BE UNIMPEDED.THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION IN THE

QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT FOR IMPEDING TRANSIT TO BERLIN ON THE BASIS OF EVENTS OCCURRING IN THE CITY OR TRAVELLERS' REASONS FOR VISITING THE CITY. THE OBSTRUCTION OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC WHICH OCCURRED ON AUGUST 13 CONSTITUTED A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT SUCH VIOLATIONS DO NOT OCCUR. THE THREE POWERS CALL ON THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO SEE TO IT THAT TRANSIT TRAFFIC OF CIVILIAN PERSONS AND GOODS BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FUNCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT AND THUS REMAIN UNIMPEDED.

I HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT THAT, FOR THEIR PART, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE THREE POWERS WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE STRICT OBSERVANCE AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT AND TO PREVENT COMPLICATIONS FROM ARISING IN AND AROUND BERLIN.

BERLIN AUGUST 26, 1976 END

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